GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6276
ANSWERED ON:08.05.2002
THREATENING MAIL MESSAGE TO MOSCOW EMBASSY
CHANDRA NATH SINGH;SADASHIVRAO DADOBA MANDLIK;SUKDEO PASWAN;TUFANI SAROJ

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Embassy in Moscow has received any threatening mail message wherein the Indians have been asked to leave Russia;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have taken up the issue with the Russian Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the outcome thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The Embassy of India in Moscow received on 8 April, 2002 an e-mail from a person claiming to be the President of the Skinhead Group of Russia warning the foreign nationals and diplomats to immediately leave Russia or face consequences.

(c) & (d) Yes, Sir. The Government have taken up the matter with the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Embassy of the Russian Federation in India conveying the grave concern on increasing threats to Indian nationals from young neo-fascist elements (skinheads) in the Russian Federation. The Russian Government have assured assistance in the matter and have also assured that other appropriate measures will be taken towards this end. The Government continues to monitor the welfare of Indian nationals abroad.